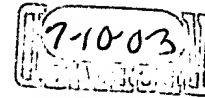


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In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph previously added by amendment at page 1, line 17, with the following paragraph:

The present invention is compatible and complementary with the elements disclosed in the following pending applications: "Medical System Having Improved Telemetry," filed July 19, 1999, Ser. No. 09/356,340, now patent number 6,298,271; "System and Method for Transferring Information Relating to an Implantable Medical Device to a Remote Location," filed on July 21, 1999, Ser. No. 09/358,081, now patent number 6,250,309; "Apparatus and Method for Remote Troubleshooting, Maintenance and Upgrade of Implantable Device Systems," filed on October 26, 1999, Ser. No. 09/426,741, now patent number 6,442,433; "Tactile Feedback for Indicating Validity of Communication Link with an Implantable Medical Device," filed October 29, 1999, Ser. No. 09/430,708; "Apparatus and Method for Automated Invoicing of Medical Device Systems," filed October 29, 1999, Ser. No. 09/429,960, now patent number 6,363,282; "Apparatus and Method for Remote Self-Identification of Components in Medical Device Systems," filed October 29, 1999, Ser. No. 09/429,956; "Apparatus and Method to Automate Remote Software Updates of Medical Device Systems," filed October 29, 1999, Ser. No. 09/429,960, now patent number 6,363,282; "Method and Apparatus to Secure Data Transfer From Medical Device Systems," filed November 2, 1999, Ser. No. 09/431,881; "Implantable Medical Device Programming Apparatus Having An Auxiliary Component Storage Compartment," filed November 4, 1999, Ser. No. 09/433,477, now patent number 6,411,851; "Remote Delivery Of Software-Based Training For Implantable Medical Device Systems," filed November 10, 1999, Ser. No. 09/437,615, now patent number 6,386,882; "Apparatus and Method for Remote Therapy and Diagnosis in Medical Devices Via Interface Systems," filed December 14, 1999, Ser. No. 09/460,580, now patent number 6,418,346; "Virtual Remote Monitor, Alert, Diagnostics and Programming For Implantable Medical Device Systems" filed December 17, 1999, Ser. No. 09/466,284, now patent number 6,497,655; "Instrumentation and Software for Remote Monitoring and Programming of Implantable Medical Devices (IMDs), filed December 21, 1999, Ser. No. 60/172,937; "Application

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Proxy For Telecommunication-enabled Remote Medical Access Instruments," filed December 23, 1999, Ser. No. 60/173,081; "Information Network Scheme For Interrogation Of Implantable Medical Devices (IMDs)," filed December 24, 1999, Ser. No. 60/173,064, now patent number 6,480,745; "Medical Device GUI For Cardiac Electrophysiology Display And Data Communications," filed December 24, 1999, Ser. No. 60/173,065, now patent number 6,473,638; "Integrated Software System For Implantable Medical Device Installation And Management," filed December 24, 1999, Ser. No. 60/173,082; "Dynamic Bandwidth Monitor And Adjuster For Remote Communications With A Medical Device," filed December 24, 1999, Ser. No. 60/173,083, now patent number 6,564,104 "Large-Scale Processing Loop For Implantable Medical Devices (IMDs)," filed December 24, 1999, Ser. No. 60/173,079; "Chronic Real-Time Information Management Systems For Implantable Medical Devices (IMDs)," filed December 24, 1999, Ser. No. 60/173,062; "Automatic Voice and Data Recognition For Medical Device Instrument Systems," filed December 24, 1999, Ser. No. 60/173,071 "Central Switchboard to Facilitate Remote Collaboration With Medical Instruments," filed December 24, 1999, Ser. No. 60/173,080, now patent number 6,442,432; which are all incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.--